

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Irrigation and C.A.D. Department – Allegations of corruption against Sri V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer (Retd.), formerly worked in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, SRSP Stage-II Circle, Warangal - Departmental action initiated – Charges held proved – Imposition of punishment of withholding of 25% in pension for a period of 10 years and to release all other retirement benefits against Sri V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer (Retd.) - Orders – Issued.

IRRIGATION & C.A.D. (IW:SERVICES-VI(1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 102

Dated 18-07-2011.

Read the following:-

1. Proceedings No.RC/ENC/S.II(1)/49441/07, dated 15.03.2008 of Engineer-in-Chief (A.W.), Irrigation and C.A.D. Department, Hyderabad.
2. Sri. V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer written statement of defence, dated 09.05.2008.
3. Proceedings No.RC/ENC/S.II(1)/49441/2007, dated 24.05.2008 of Engineer-in-Chief (A.W.), Irrigation and C.A.D. Department, Hyderabad.
4. From the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation & CAD Department, JCR DLIS Circle, Warangal, Letter No.ES/ EC3/ 2008-2009/ 26/6 No's./1CD/2MB's/ENC, dated 02.03.2009.
5. Govt. Memo.No.21019/Ser.VI(1)/2007-10, dated 11.05.2009.
6. Representation from Sri V. Sadanandam, formerly Assistant Engineer, dated 02.06.2009.
7. Govt. Memo.No.21019/Ser.VI(1)/2007-16, dated 09.08.2010.
8. Representation from Sri V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer (Retd.), dated 25.09.2010.
9. Govt. Letter No.21019/Ser.VI(1)/2007-18, dated 11.10.2010.
10. From the Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, Letter No.1489/RT-I/3/2010, dated 18.11.2010.

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ORDER:

In reference 1st read above, departmental proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, were initiated against Sri V. Sadanandam, former Assistant Engineer, SRSP Sub-Division No. 3, Stage.II, Suryapet, on the grounds that the said Sri. V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer, while functioning in the capacity stated, made certain recordings in M. Books in violation of the procedure, rules and guidelines in vogue, that Sri. Sadanandam, Asst. Engineer did not handover the M. Book in question to his successor even upon his transfer, and that he handed over the M. Book to his successor, Sri. T. Venkateswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, only after demanding and accepting a bribe from the contractor who did the work, which was subsequently telecast on TV-9 Channel. Articles of Charges were served accordingly upon Sri. V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer, and he was directed to submit his Written Statement of Self Defence.

2. In reference 2nd read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his defence statement, denying the charges. In reference 3rd read above, a regular inquiry was ordered, and the Superintending Engineer, JCR DLIS Circle, Warangal was appointed as Inquiring Authority. In the reference 4th read above, the Inquiring Authority submitted his report, holding Articles of Charges at serial number 1 to 4 as not proved, and Articles of Charges at serial number 5 and 6 as proved, against the Charged Officer.

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3. In reference 5th read above, a copy of the Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer inviting his representation, if any, against the findings of the Inquiring Authority. In reference 6th read above, the Charged Officer submitted his explanation, contending that the C.D. telecast by the television channel was fabricated, and requested to exonerate him from the charges leveled against him.

4. Government examined the representation submitted by Sri. V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer, and observed that the replies received did not reveal any new grounds other than what had already been stated in the written statement of self defence, and during the course of the detailed inquiry. Meanwhile, Sri V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer retired from service on 30.06.2010 on superannuation, without prejudice to the departmental proceedings pending against him.

5. After examining the representation of Sri. V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer (Retd.), Government provisionally decided to award the penalty of withholding of entire pension and pensionary benefits permanently against the charged officer viz., Sri. V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer (Retd.), as the element of moral turpitude, related to the charge of demanding and accepting of bribe was felt to have been proved in the inquiry report. Accordingly, in reference 7th read above, a show-cause notice was issued to the charged officer Sri V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer (Retd.) communicating the penalty provisionally decided upon, and directing him to submit his representation, if any, on the proposed penalty, within a period of 15 days.

6. In reply, in reference 8th read above, the charged officer, Sri V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer (Retd.) submitted his representation, requesting to drop the further action.

7. Government, in reference 9th read above, consulted the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission on the penalty provisionally decided upon.

8. In reference 10th read above, the A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, opined that there was an element of doubt in the allegation of demand and acceptance of bribe by Sri. V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer (Retd.). Commission observed that the telecast of the visuals of the so called acceptance of bribe by the accused was much later to the relief Sri. V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer (Retd.), from the post connected to the work in reference to which moral turpitude by the said engineer was alleged. Commission pointed out that the Charged Officer could be a mediator, or the amount shown in the C.D. could be the money lent to the contractor earlier, and that it might not be a bribe. Commission also observed that the Inquiry Officer did not fully establish the charge. Commission has, therefore, advised the Government to impose a punishment of 25% cut in pension for a period of 10 years upon the Charged Officer, duly releasing the other pensionary benefits.

9. Government, after careful consideration of the matter, have decided to accept the advice of A.P. Public Service Commission, and to award a penalty of withholding of 25% pension for a period of 10 years against the Charged Officer, duly releasing the other pensionary benefits. Accordingly, Government hereby award the penalty of withholding 25% of pension for a period of 10 years against Sri V. Sadanandam, Assistant Engineer (Retd.), and to release other pensionary benefits.

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10. A copy of the reference 10th read above is enclosed.

11. The Engineer-in-Chief (A.W.), Irrigation and C.A.D. Department, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAIENDRA KUMAR JOSHI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri V.Sadanandam, Asst. Engineer (Retd.),
formerly worked in the Office of Superintending Engineer,
SRSP Stage-II Circle, Warangal through
the Engineer-in-Chief (A.W.),
Irrigation & CAD Department, Hyderabad (w.e.).

The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Irrigation & CAD Dept., Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Principal Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General (A & E), Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commission,

A.P.Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER